

13 May 2025

FOI Ref 21329

Request - You asked us the following:

1. In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25, how many people between the ages of 10-17 charged by Staffordshire Police were given a custodial sentence for homicide, attempted murder, assault or robbery using a knife, blade or other sharp instrument? (Note: for each of these crimes, we are looking for instances where a knife or other offensive weapon was involved.)
2. Of those who were given a custodial sentence, how many of these were previously handed either a custodial or community sentence for possession of a blade or sharp instrument?

We received your request on 09/05/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police does not hold the requested information.

- In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25, how many people between the ages of 10-17 charged by Staffordshire Police were given a custodial sentence for homicide, attempted murder, assault or robbery using a knife, blade or other sharp instrument? (Note: for each of these crimes, we are looking for instances where a knife or other offensive weapon was involved.) – **No information held.**
- Of those who were given a custodial sentence, how many of these were previously handed either a custodial or community sentence for possession of a blade or sharp instrument? – **No information held.**

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

Staffordshire Police do not hold conviction data. We would advise that you approach the Government HM Courts & Tribunals service website.

Please find below links to previously disclosed HMCTS data and details upon how to submit a further Freedom of Information request to the Government HM Courts and Tribunals Service for this information.

Make an FOI request - [how to make a request](#).

Check [our previous releases](#) to see if we've already answered your question - [our previous releases](#)

Make a new request by using the details below.



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FOI requests
Disclosure Team
Postal Point 10.38, Floor 10
102 Petty France
London
SW1H 9AJ
United Kingdom

Email

data.access@justice.gov.uk

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.



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The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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